remind you; you're sleepin' in a pretty noisy housekeepers-me, for instance- wanted something else more than that, decided to let you do your own house- I wanted you." keepin'. May I ask what your propo . "And here I am!" she laughed, comsition would be?"

"I'm earning nine dollars a week." shouldn't mind at all."

a week?"

"My work!" Bibbs answered. "And a trade than be in business-I should, to go. infinitely!"

"You better set about tearmin' one leaving me." pretty dam' quick?" But Sheridan "There's one little time in the twentystruggled with his temper and again four hours when I'm not happy. It's was partially successful in controlling now, when I have to say good night. It. "You better learn a trade over Sun- But now's the bad time-and I must day, because you're either goln' down go through it, and so-good night." with me to my office Monday morn- And he added with a pungent vehe ing-or-you can go to plumbing!"

"All right," said Bibbs, gently. "I can get along."

Sheridan raised his hands sardonically, as in prayer. "O God," he said. "this boy was crazy enough before he began to earn nine dollars a week. and now his money's gone to his head! Can't you do nothin' for him?" Then he flung his hands apart, palms outward, in a furious gesture of dismissal. "Get out o' this room! You got a skull that's thicker'n a whale's thigh-bone, but it's cracked spang all the way across! You're cracked! Oh. but I got a fine layout here! One son Ioon's all I got left! Well, mister, loon or no loon, cracked and crazy or whatever you are, I'll take you with me Monday morning, and I'll work you and learn you-yes' and I'll lam you, if I got to-untit! I've made something out of you that's fit to be called a business man! I'll keep at you while I'm able to stand, and if I have to lay down to die I'll be whisperin' at you till they get the embalmin' fluid into me! Now go on, and don't let me hear from you again till you can come and tell me you've waked up, you poor, pill-

ful, dandelien-plekin' steep-walker!" once; but there was more than thathe seemed to be startled by his father's

CHAPTER XXV.

There was sleet that evening, with a whooping wind, but neither this storm nor that other which so imminently threatened him held place in the consclousness of Bibbs Sheridan when he came once more to the presence of Mary. All was right in his world as he sat with her, reading Maurice Maeterlinck's "Alludine and Palomides." And while the zinc eater held out to bring him such golden nights as these, all the king's horses and all the king's men might not serve to break the

Bibbs read slowly, but in a reasonable manner, as if he were talking; and Mary, looking at him steadily from beneath her curved fingers, appeared to discover no fault. It had grown to be her habit to look at him whenever there was an opportunity. It may be said, in truth, that while they were together, and it was light, she looked at him all the time.

When he came to the end of "Alladine and Palomides" they were silent a little while, considering together; then he turned back the pages and

"There's something I want to read over. This:

You would think I threw a window open on the dawn.... She has a soul that can be seen around her—that takes you in its arms like an alling child and without saying anything to you consolor you for everything... I shall never un-derstand it all. I do not know how it can all be, but my knees bend in spite of me when I speak of it....

He stopped and looked at her. "You boy!" said Mary, not very

clearly.

"Oh, yes," he returned. "But it's true-especially my knees!"

"You boy!" she murmured again, blushing charmingly, "You might read ; another line over. The first time I ever saw you. Bibbs, you were looking into a mirror. Do it again. But you needn't rend it-I can give it to you: 'A little Greek slave that came from the heart of Arcady!"

"I! I'm one of the bands at the Pump works-and going to stay one, unless I have to decide to study plumbing."

"No." She shook her head. "You love and want what's beautiful and delicate and serene; it's really art that you want in your life, and have always wanted. You seemed to me, from the

Tabbs looked doubtful and more good bed; you're eatin' pretty fair wistful than ever; but after a moment food; you're wearin' pretty fine or two the matter seemed to clarify clothes. Just suppose one o' these itself to him. "Why, no," he said; "I

pletely understanding. "I think we're like those two in "The Cloister and said Bibbs, sturibly. "It's enough. I the Hearth." I'm just the rough Burguadian crossbow man, Denys, who "Who's payin' you that nine dollars followed that gentle Gerard and told everybody that the devil was dead."

"He isn't, though," said Bibbs, as a I've done so well on that clipping may hourse little bell in the next room bechine I believe I could work up to lif- gan a series of snappings which teen or even twenty a week at another proved to be ten, upon count. "He job. I could be a fair plumber in a gets into the clock whenever I'm with few months, I'm sure. I'd rather have you." And, sighing deeply, he rose

"You're always very prompt about

mence of which he was little aware. "I hate It?"

"Do you?" she said, rising to go to the door with him. But he stood motionless, gazing at her wonderingly.

"Mary! Your eyes are so-" stopped.

"Yes?" But she looked quickly away. "I don't know," he said. "I thought just then-"

"What did you think?"

"I don't know-it seemed to me that there was something I ought to understand-and didn't."

She laughed and met his wondering gaze again frankly. "My eyes are died, one quit, and one's a loon! The pleased," she said. "I'm glad that you miss me a little after you go."

> "But tomorrow's coming faster than other days, if you'll let it," he said. She inclined her head. "Yes. I'll-

"Going to church," said Bibbs, "It is going to church when I go with you!" She went to the front door with him: she always went that far. They had formed a little code of leave-taking. by habit, neither of them ever speaking of it; but it was always the same. She always stood in the doorway until he reached the sidewalk, and there he Bibbs gave him a queer look. There always turned and looked back, and was something like repreach in it, for she waved her hand to him. Then he went on, half-way to the new house. and looked back again, and Mary was not in the doorway, but the door was open and the light shone. It was as if she meant to tell him that she would never shut him out; he could always see that friendly light of the open doorway-as if it were open for him to come back, if he would. He could see It until a wing of the new house came

if until a wing of the new house came between, when he went up the path. The open doorway secared to him the beautiful symbol of her friendship—of her thought of him: a symbol of herself and of her ineffable kindness.

And she kept the door open—even tonight, though the sleet and fine snow swept in upon her bare throat and arms, and her brown hair was strewn with finy white stars. His heart leaped as he turned and saw that she was there, waving her hand to him, as if he did not know that he storm touched her. When he had gone on, Mary did as she always did—she went into an unlit room across the hall from that in which they had spent the evening, and, looking from the window, "There's our little sunsh ac" he is out to the soil authority of a special extent of the court of the clerk of the clerk of the clerk of the clerk of the court of the revenue, and save, collector of the revenue, and save, collector of the revenue, and save that she count, his black bag open upon a chair near by; and Sheridan was striding up and down his hand so heavily wrapped in fresh bandages that he seemed to be wearing a small boxing.

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Bibbs stopped at this last look back at the open door, and, with a thin is manute of white already upon him, uttering a sum of the capacity will be showned to be sheltering the wind, to the lee of the sheltering the wind the door way.

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first, the most wistful person I had and he renewed upon his face the I hear him." ever known, and that's what you were shastly expression with which he had Sheridan leaned over Gurney and

Ribbs, convinced that the mere climpse of him. just then, would prove nothing less than insufferable for his



"There's Our Little Sunshine!" He Cried.

father, was about to make his escape into the gold-and-brocade room when he heard Sheridan vociferously demanding his presence.

"There's our little sunshine!" he

gesture laid before the eyes of Bibbs.

"Look at 'a lamidal statue."

Gazing down the hall, Bibbs saw heroic wreckage, seemingly Byzantine—painted colossal fragments of a special exception issued from the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Taney, County, Missouri, and the circuit court of Taney County, Missouri, and the mediant of the said Leaf, title, interest and adjudgments of a massacre in the one of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, interest and the court of the said Leaf, title, inter

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By virtue and authority of a special excution issued from the office of the Clerk of
the circuit court of Tamey County, Missouri,
is turnable at the October term, 1916, of same
court, and to me directed, and in favor of
J. W. Resse, collector of the recenue, and
against W. H. Standish, I have levied upon
and sched all the right, title, interest and
estate of the said W. H. Standish of, in and
to the following described property to-wir.
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Sec. 14, Twp. 23, Range 20, 168–52-108
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Range 20.

An lying sud being in the said County of Tamey and State of Missouri, and I will on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1916, between the hours of nine aclock in the ascense and five october to the foreneous and five october to the court frames in the Tawn of Foreyth, County of Tamey, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the laglest hidder for cach in hand (subject to all prior line and judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

N. D. BOLES,

Shoriff of Taney County, Missouri First publict in Sept. 21, 1916.

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By virtue and authority of a special exception issued from the office of the Clerk of the effect court of tancy County, Missouri, ... with able at the October term, 1916, of said court, and to me directed, and in favor of J. W. Reuse, collector of the revenue, and against Frank McGungan, I have levied upon any setzed all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Frank McGungan, of, in and to the following described property to wit S. E. 4, N. W. 1, and S. W. 14, N. E. 14, ex. 2 acres of S. E. Cor. Sec 2, Twp. 22, 14, N. E. 14, ex. 2 acres of S. E. Cor. Sec 2, Twp. 21, Rauge 21.

All lying and being in the said County of Taney and State of Missouri, and I will on Monday, the 19th day of October, 1916, between the burs of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south door of the court house in the Town of Forsyth, County of Taney, self the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and Judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

Sheriff of Taney County, Missouri First publiction Sept. 21, 1916.

shoulders, made his way, gasping in the wind, to the lee of the sheltering wing of the new house.

A stricken George, muttering hoarsely, admitted him, and Bibbs became aware of a paroxysm within the house.

Terrible sounds came from the library: Sheridan cursing as never before; his wife sobbing, her voice rising to an agonized squeal of protest upon each of a series of muffled detonations—the outrageous thumping of a bandaged hand upon wood; then Gurney, sharply imperious, "Keep your hand in that sling! Keep your hand in that sling! Keep your hand in that sling! I say!"

"Look!" George gasped, delighted to play herald for so important a tragedy: "There! You hear him for yourself!"

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"Now listen!" He swung toward the docracy. "Bibbs will you come down town with wind the doorway. "Bibbs will you come down town with the doorway. The water of the received for the clierk court of the recent of the re

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shignest bidder for each in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

N. D. BOLES.

Sheriff of Taney County, Missouri First publiction Sept. 21, 1916.

By virtue and authority of a special excution issued from the office of the click of the circuit court of Taney County, Missouri, to the circuit court of Taney County, Missouri, and to me directed, and in favor of J. W. Rocke, collector of the revenue, and against Oran P. Kimmel, Effect E. Lumm, and the said County of the tens of the click, title, interest and estate of the said Oran P. Kimmel, Effect B. Lumm and settle of the said Walter B. Sayler, Canada Wendell, Emma M. Shutz, Lowley D. Geodrich, Belle Bell, i. D. Rossman and victor E. White, and to me directed, and in favor of J. W. Rocke, collector of the revenue, and against Walter B. Sayler, Canada Wendell, Emma M. Shutz, Lowley D. Geodrich, Belle Bell, i. D. Rossman and victor E. White, in the seried upon and sate of the said Walter B. Sayler, Canada Wendell, Emma M. Shutz, so ise D. Gasafrich, Belle Bell, i. D. Rossman and victor E. White of the said Walter B. Sayler, Canada Wendell, Emma M. Shutz, so ise D. Gasafrich, Belle Bell, i. D. Rossman and victor E. White of the said County of Taney and State of Missouri, and I will on Manday, the 1sth day of October, 1916, between the hours of nine octock in the fremeon and five of the in the afternoon of that day, at the south door of the court laws in the Town of Forsyth, County of Taney, self the same or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bridler for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

Sheriff of Taney County, Missouri First publiction Sept. 21, 1916. said execution and costs. N. D. BOLES, Sherin of Taney County, Missouri First publiction Sept. 21, 1916.

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By virtue and authority of a special ex-By virtue and authority of a special ex-ceution issued from the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Taney County, Missouri, ceutrnable at the October term, 1916, of said court, and to me directed, and in favor of b. W. Reese, collector of the revenue, and against W. R. Story, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and catate of the said W. R. Story of, in and to the following described property to-wit; N. E. M. S. E. M. Sec. 21, Twp. 24, Range 21.

All lying and being in the said County of

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All lying and being in the said County of Taney and State of Missouri, and I will on Monay, the 18th day of October, 1916, octween the hours of nine sclock in the forenoon and five octock in the afternoon of that day, at the south door of the court house in the Town of Forsyth, County of Taney, sell the same or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the nightest bidder for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments), to satisfy aid execution and costs.

N. D. HOLES,
Sheriff of Taney County, Missouri First publication Sept. 21, 1916.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

State of Missouri County of Taney, as, In The Circuit Court, October Term 1948, Taney County, Plaintiff.

State of Missouri County of Taney, 88.
In The Circuit Court, October Term 1918.

Taney County, Plaintiff.

VS.

Ernest Mounce, Mery Mounce, John Shepard and J. S. Medill, defendants.

Now on this 7th day of September, 1918, comes the plaintiff herein, by its attorney William R. Adams and files its petition and affidavit, alleging among other things that defendants Ernest Mounce, Mary Mounce, and John Shepard are not residents of the State of Missouri.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Clerk in vacwiton, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a said against them, in this court the object an igeneral nature of which is to obtain a Judgment against them for the sum of 5728, principal and interest due on their interest and Sinking Fund Bond given Taney County on Marchy, 1918, and to foreclose their Mortgage Deed given Murchy 1818, to secure said debt, which deed is recorded in book 44, page 48, deed records of said Taney County, and to have said Judgment declared a special lien upon the Sw14 NW Qr of Section 14. Tws. 22 Range 22 in said Taney County, Missouri, and that time be ordered sold to may indigment and coass,

And that unless the said Ernest Mounce, Mary Mounce and John Shepard he and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house, in the fown of Forsyth, in said county on the 18th day of October, 1918, and on or before the first day of said term, unless longer time be given 15 the court, answer or plead to the petition as said councy, the same will be taken as conflessed, and indement a lil be rendered accordingly.

And its further ordered that a copy hereof be published in according to law, in the Taney County Republican, a newspaper published in said county of Taney for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next October term of this court.

A True Copy From The Record.

Witness ay hand and the end of the Circuit Court of Taney County, this [Seal] Tib day of Septemb